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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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### A MISSIONARY NURSE

DEAR EDITOR: A letter was received a few days ago from Dr. Andrew Woods, who is associated with the medical work of the University of Pennsylvania, in Canton, China. He says:

Without a good nurse, hospital work will be impossible here. If we get a Chinaman who is sufficiently intelligent to do the work of a nurse, he is absolutely unwilling to serve the patients, considering the work as menial. Hence the doctor is forced to do all the work of nursing, in addition to his other duties.

I want you to keep your eyes open for a nurse who can train Chinese nurses; for if the Chinamen see an educated person, with this as a specialty, actually doing this kind of work, it will dawn on their minds that the work is not beneath their dignity. We doctors might secure the same result by giving up three or four years of practice and training a class of nurses; but it is impossible to do this and continue the work we are now doing. When I was home I met several nurses who spoke of being willing to go to China, and who seemed anxious to do it. I wonder if a desirable combination could be found, a nurse such as I have described who would be self-supporting. It would be a life-work well worth the time of some woman who had the means and whose taste inclined towards such things.

This nurse could go immediately to China, and, while doing a certain amount of work along her line, could also be learning the language in preparation for taking complete charge of the hospital which the University of Pennsylvania is about to build.

Any nurse desiring further information may write to Edward C. Wood, Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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### THE PREPARATION OF BEEF-JUICE

DEAR EDITOR: In your "Questions and Answers," under "Practical Suggestions," in the February JOURNAL, I notice that some one asks for a good method of preparing beef-juice, so I send the following simple plan which I learned from observing an ingenious junior nurse, who